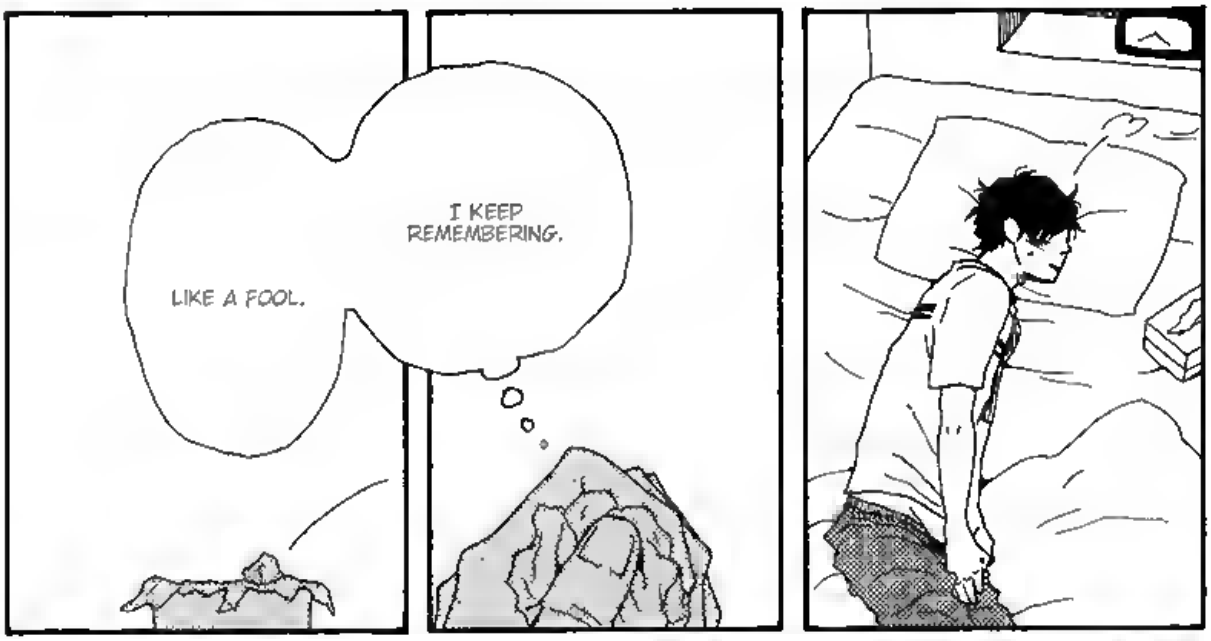
last step.

Good morning
Good morning
RUFFLE
RUFFLE
GOOD MORNING...
TO YOU.
YOO
THUD
GEH

IF YOU'RE HONESTLY REPENTANT, THEN YOU SHOULD CUT BACK ON DRINKING AND PLAYING AROUND.
YES...
And so
I WON'T INVITE YOU TO GO DRINKING FOR A WHILE.
YEAH, SERIOUSLY.
...I WAS RATHER IMPOLITE THE OTHER DAY.
OH, NO. OH, NO.
AH?
YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?
pull
EH
If I don't drink...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR.
...HEY
I WANT TO CHECK JUST TO BE SAFE.
HM?
Well, I admit that I've been a douche lately...
So put away that Six Main Codes. We don't need it in this class anyway.
.....
NO, NOTHING.

YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO THAT KID, DID YOU?
AFTER I LEFT,
I SEE. That's good.
THAT PUTS ME AT EASE.
LIKE HELL I WOULD.
Then I can accept that.
WAS HE YOUR BROTHER?
NO, HE'S A CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
WE WERE NEIGHBORS.
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
...YEAH, CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
?

Hmm...
IS THIS THE IRONCLAD RULE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER DAY?
SO IT WAS THAT BOY.
GULP
SPOT ON, HUH?
Hey, come on
SO,
WHAT DID YOU DO?
LIKE I SAID, I DID NOTHING.
(Talking about yesterday)
Why does it seem like you're having fun all of a sudden?
HE KISSED ME
AND AFTER THAT,
HE SAID HE LIKED ME.



IT MAY BE BECAUSE SEIICHIROU'S "LIKE" IS DIFFERENT FROM MINE.

THOUGHT OF SEIICHIROU...
I ABSENT-MINDEDLY
REALLY.
BEING TOLD THAT WE WERE LIKE BROTHERS.
EVEN THOUGH IT MADE ME HAPPY
WHAT AM I DOING?
I WANT TO DIS-APPEAR.

And so...
Kyahaha
1 - 3
DING
DONG
DING
OKA-PI!
Whoa. It's a heap...
My hands are busy.
NO WAY. I CAN'T CARRY IT ANYWAY.
??
IT'S FINE. IT WOULD WORK.
The one I broke.
COULD YOU THROW THIS AWAY, TOO?

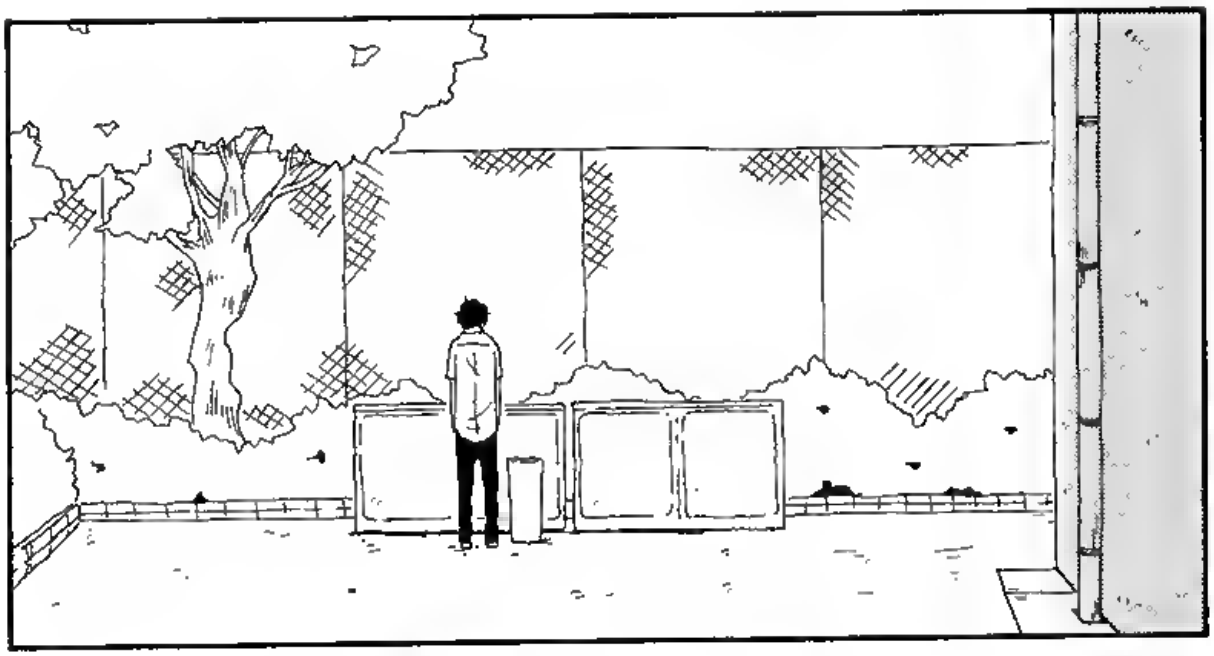
I CAN DO IT.
HEY!
It will fall, dumbass!
It will if you insert it here.
This won't work!
Then straddle it!
YOU SHOULD HAVE MADE SANO-CHIN DO IT.
THAT...
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO IN THE STAFF ROOM, SO...
IT'S FINE, REALLY.
AH

YOU'RE QUITE COMMITTED. THERE WERE A LOT.
HAHA...
This is a bit embarassing.
YOUR BLOG.
For your bread store finds.
AHH!
THANKS!
AH
I SAW IT LAST TIME.
HUH?
YEAH
Sure
THUNK
IF YOU LIKE, WE CAN GO TOGETHER AGAIN...
FOR EXAMPLE.. AT THE STATION I GO TO REGULARLY.
I FIND A LOT ON MY WAY FROM SCHOOL.
There's a bread store!!
OHHH. I see.
I'D LIKE IT IF IT'S JUST US.
IF POSSIBLE...
LET'S INVITE THE OTHERS THIS TIME.

OH.

I LIKE YOU!
ABOUT YOU, I...

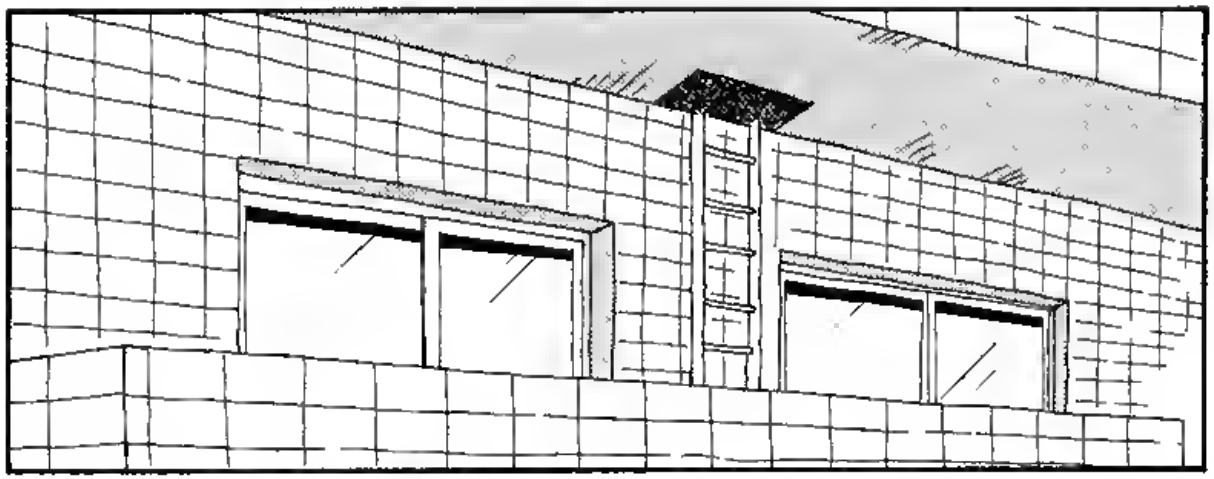
UM.
THAT'S...
I...

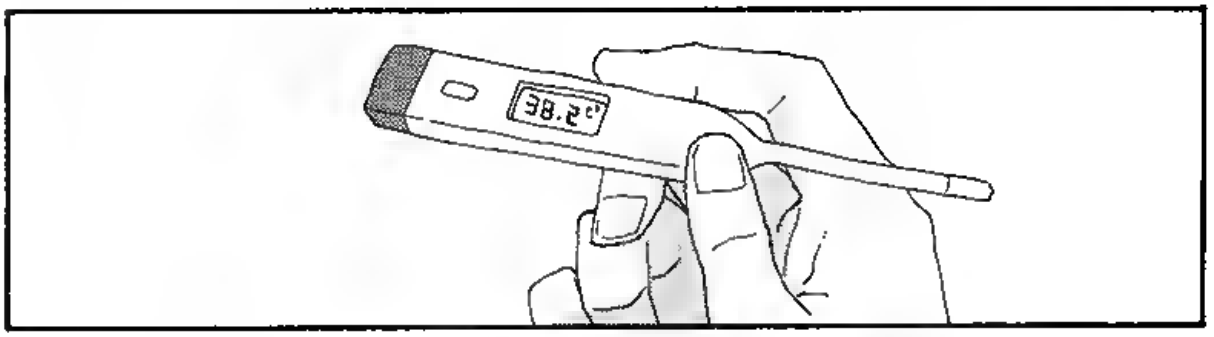


THAT SURPRISED ME...

THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE AT THE MOMENT
THAT'S WHY... I'M SORRY.

SHE'S CUTE AND KIND.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE GOTTEN ALONG WITH A GIRL.
I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D CONFESS TO ME..
AND I...
TURNED HER DOWN.
AND EVERYTHING WOULD BE LIKE
THEY NEVER HAPPENED
THAT WAY, SEIICHIROU WOULD FINALLY BREATHE EASY
HOW I WISH I CAN JUST FALL FOR SAKURAI.
MY HEAD HURTS.
LIKING AND BEING LIKED BY SOMEBODY...
IT'S ALL TOO CONFUSING!
THUD
AHH!

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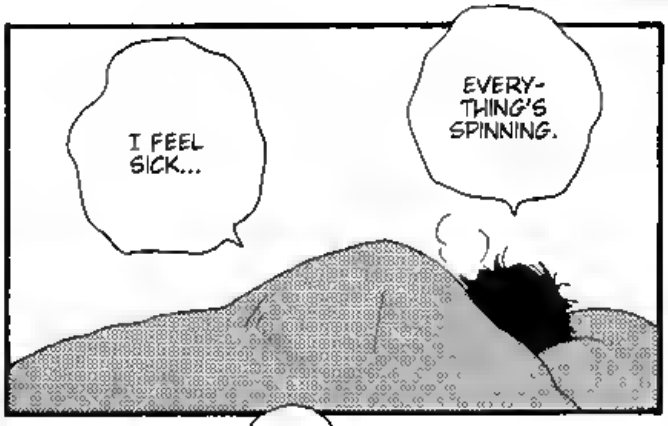
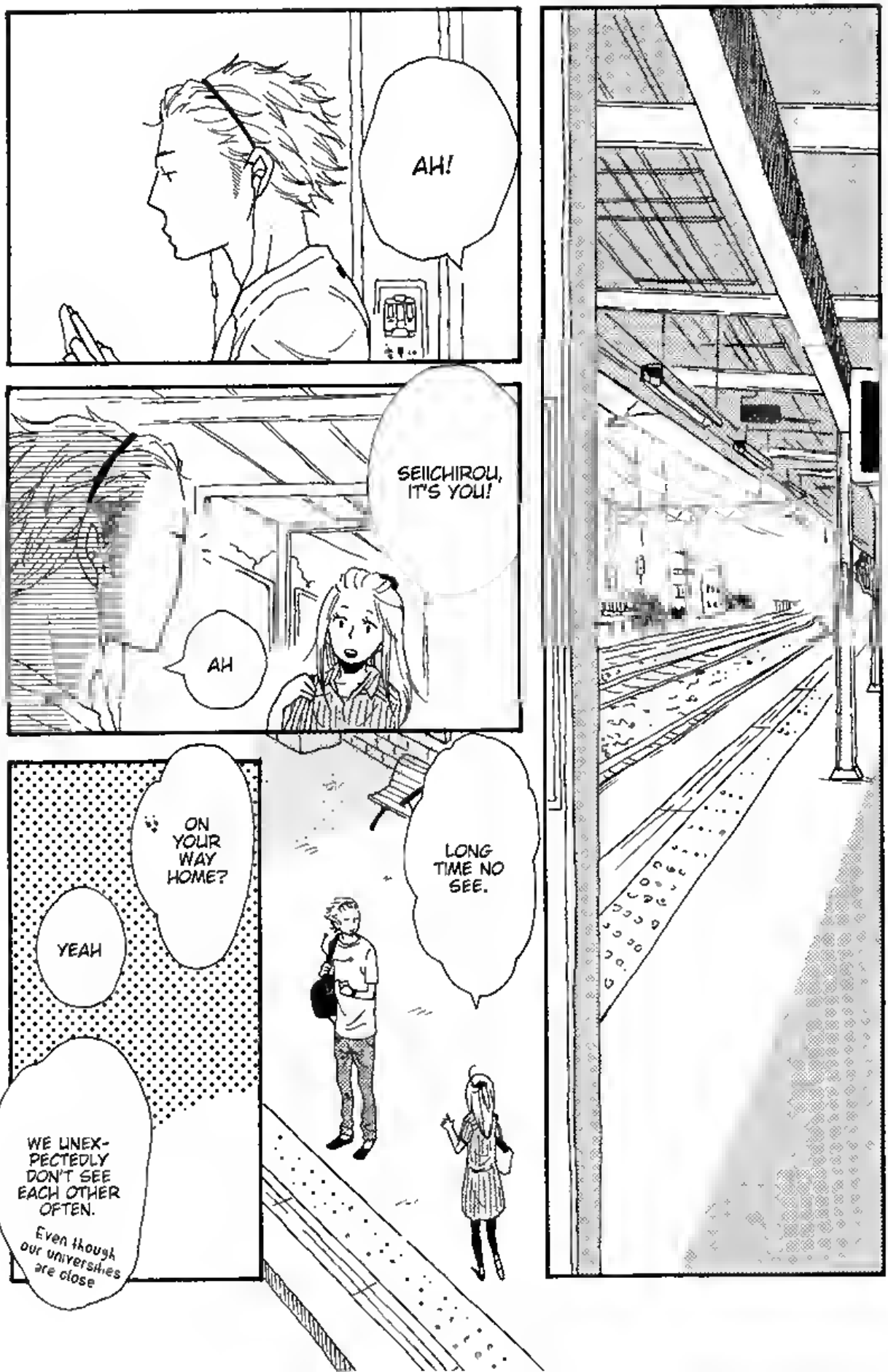

I FEEL SICK...
EVERY-THING'S SPINNING.

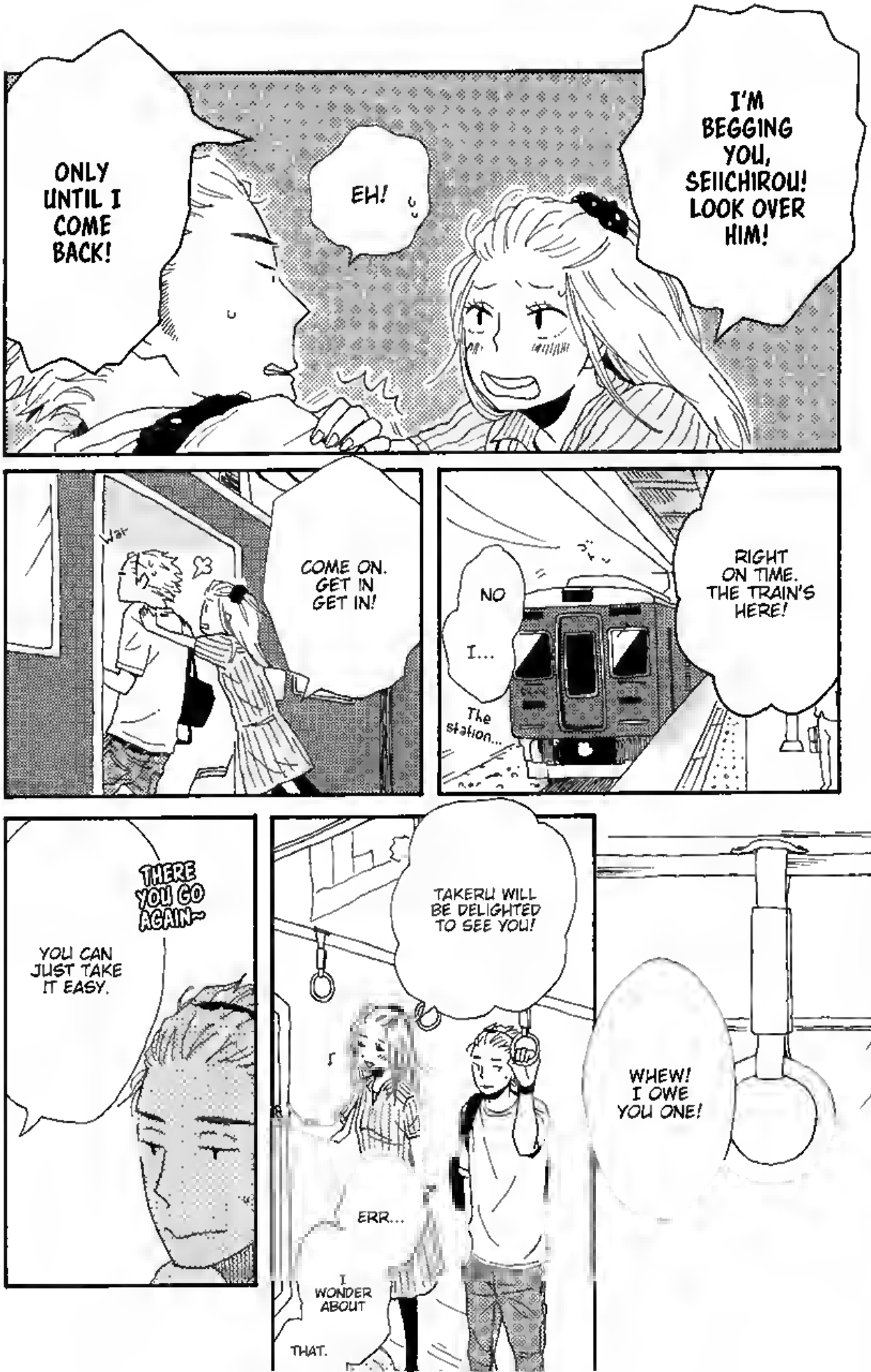
IT'S NOT GOING DOWN...

I ENDED UP RESTING...
TODAY, RIGHT ON THE HEELS OF YESTER-DAY.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING? I'M ON MY WAY HOME, SO IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT...
BEEP
I'M THE WORST.
BUT I'M RELIEVED I DON'T HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL.
BEEP
LUXURIOUS~
PEACH
I'm sick, you know
SHUT UP. NURSE ME.
.....I CAN'T DO THIS.
I'M EXHAUST-ED.


AH!
SEIICHIROU, IT'S YOU!
AH
LONG TIME NO SEE.
ON YOUR WAY HOME?
YEAH
WE UNEX-PECTEDLY DON'T SEE EACH OTHER OFTEN.
Even though our universities are close

ARE THINGS GOING WELL WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
MM-HMM.
ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
HAHA
And you had to listen to all my love troubles
I MADE YOU DRINK TOO MUCH LAST TIME. SORRY.
BUT TAKERU IS RUNNING A FEVER AND IS STUCK IN BED.
WE ACTUALLY HAD PLANS FOR TODAY.
AH
THERE'S YOU!
EH-
SAY?
IS AUNTIE OUT?
THEY'RE TRAVELING AS A MARRIED COUPLE.


ONLY UNTIL I COME BACK!
EH!
I'M BEGGING YOU, SEIICHIROU! LOOK OVER HIM!
COME ON. GET IN GET IN!
NO I...
The station...
RIGHT ON TIME. THE TRAIN'S HERE!
THERE YOU GO AGAIN~
YOU CAN JUST TAKE IT EASY.
TAKERU WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU!
ERR...
I WONDER ABOUT THAT.
WHEW! I OWE YOU ONE!

YOU GOT IT.
IT'S A STAPLE FOR HIM.
Could you be buying... PEACHES?
OH YEAH
I HAVE TO DROP BY THE FRUIT STORE.
WELL,
WHENEVER I PAID HIM A VISIT, HE ALWAYS ATE THAT.
Yup! Yup!
UHAHA!
Are you okay?
YOU REMEMBER IT WELL.
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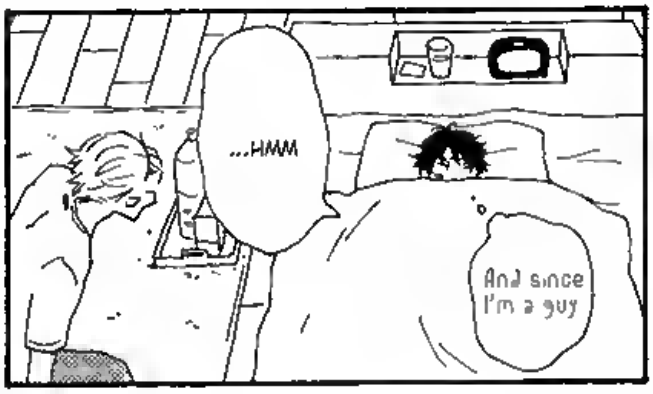
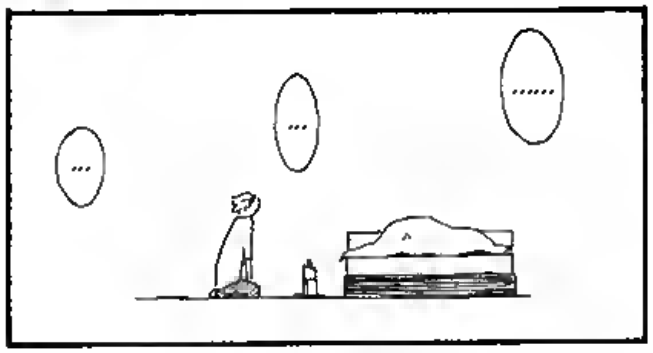
OKAZAKI
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IT IS!
YOU TWO ARE REALLY LIKE BROTHERS.
I came to play once in a while

WHY ARE YOU HERE?


...HMM
And since I'm a guy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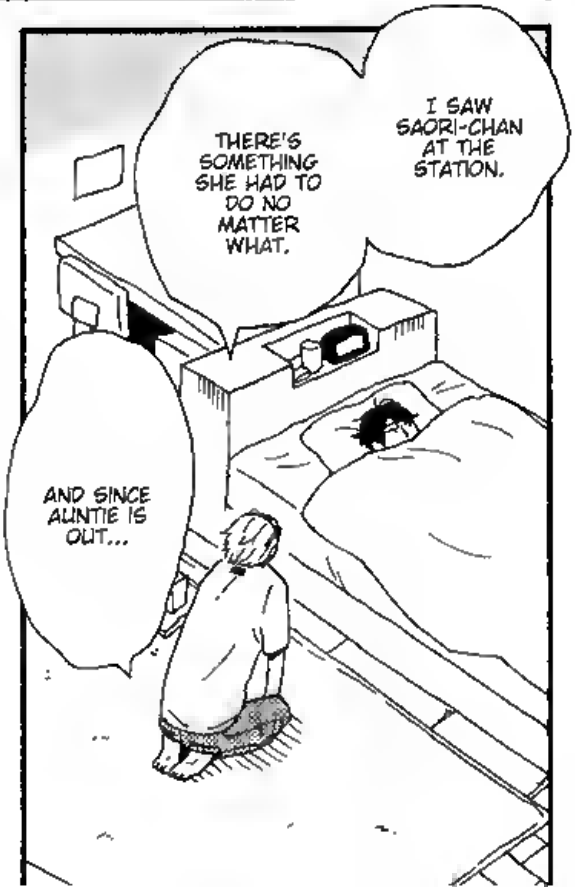
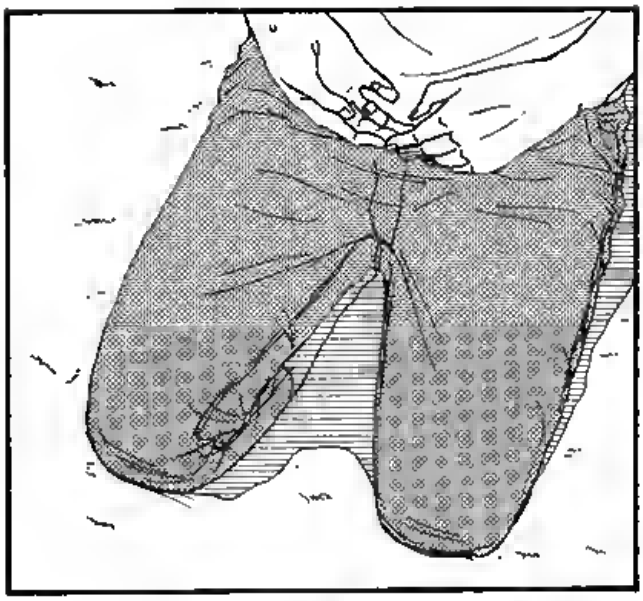

I SAW SAORI-CHAN AT THE STATION.
THERE'S SOMETHING SHE HAD TO DO NO MATTER WHAT.
AND SINCE AUNTIE IS OUT...

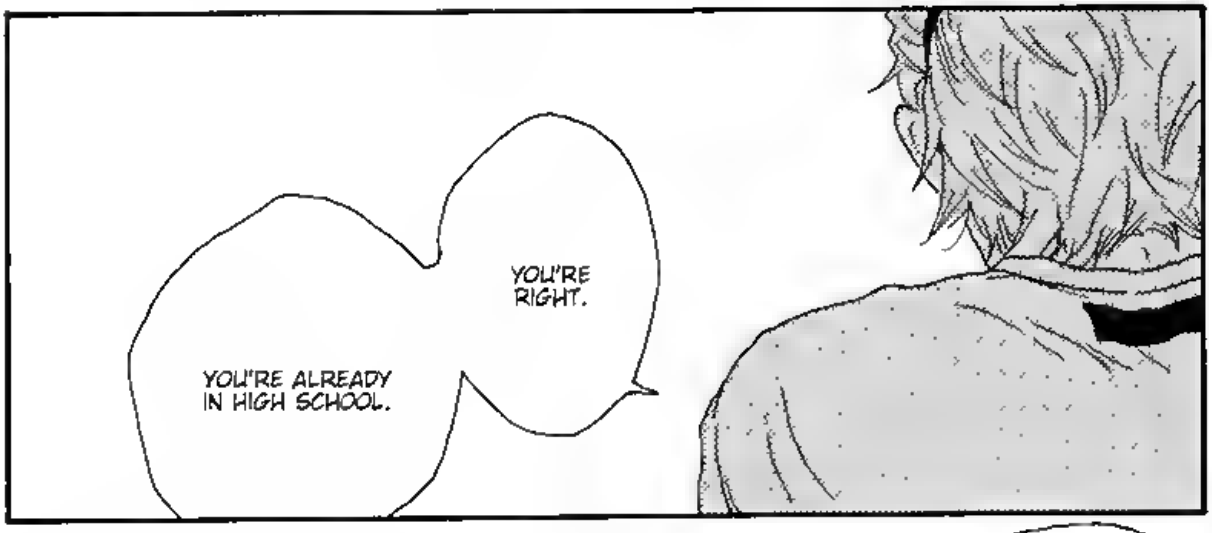
AH
THE ONE ON YOUR HEAD.
SHALL WE CHANGE IT?!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF.
...THANKS.
PULL UP YOUR BANGS...

SAY...
WOULD YOU STILL DO THE SAME?
IF IT WERE MY SISTER WHO GOT SICK,
YEAH?
But she might find it off-putting.
BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO,
THEN I'LL DO IT.
WELL, SHE'S A GIRL. AND ALREADY HAS A BOY-FRIEND.
SAORI-CHAN, HUH...
I'm not sure...

BESIDES, I'VE BEEN IN YOUR CARE BEFORE.
AS FOR ME,
BECAUSE SHE'S A CHILDHOOD FRIEND?
BECAUSE SHE'S LIKE FAMILY?
YEAH.
EXACTLY.
I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF THING.



...I SEE.

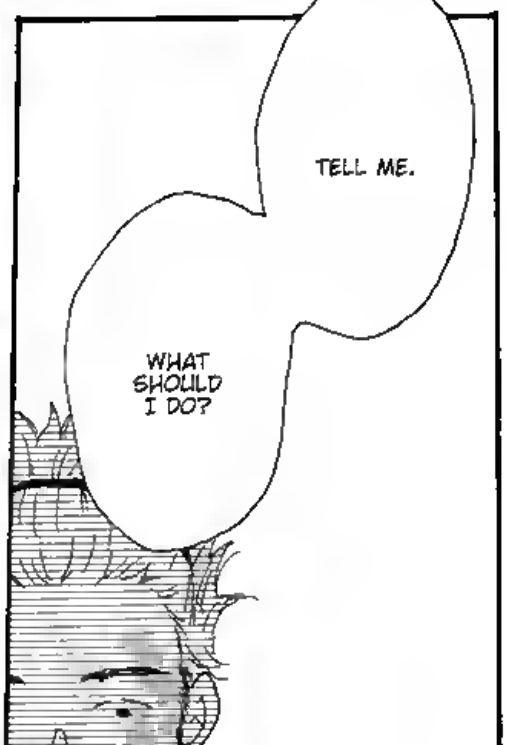

YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE ALREADY IN HIGH SCHOOL.

I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH SOME CUT PEACHES.
I'LL GO AND FETCH THAT.

BUT I WON'T LEAVE UNTIL SAORI-CHAN COMES BACK.
I'LL BE IN THE LIVING ROOM, SO CALL ME WHEN YOU NEED SOME-THING.

SEIICHIROU
EH!
TAKERU?!
WHY-

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE
FOR YOU TO ACCEPT ME?


TELL ME.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I LIKE YOU.

PANT

ARE YOU ASLEEP?
WE USED TO DO THIS ALL THE TIME.
AM I SUPPOSED TO SLEEP LIKE THIS?!
AND HOW
NO...
I'M AWAKE.
THE SITUATION THEN AND NOW ARE DIFFERENT!
WELL, YEAH.
So you do get it.

I'LL STOP CLINGING TO YOU,
IF YOU TURN AROUND,
I'M SORRY,
TAKERU.

...FOR A LOT.
FOR WHAT?
.....
I WAS SCARED THAT YOU'D COME TO HATE ME.
I WAS SURE THAT YOU WOULD FEEL GROSSED OUT WHEN YOU LEARNED OF IT.
SO I PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
WHEN
wait,
WAS THAT?
WHEN I NOTICED THAT I LIKED YOU...
IT WAS FUN BEING WITH YOU, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE THAT.

THAT MORNING BEFORE THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
How was I supposed to figure that out.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE MET SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD FINE.
BUT EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
AROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL, I THINK...
I'm talking about me.
YOU-
THAT WOULD MEAN I WAS IN GRADE SCHOOL!
YEAH, I GUESS.
AFTER THAT, I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS OVER.
I DIDN'T PLAN TO, BUT I ENDED UP CONFESSING.
I KEEP LIKING YOU AS IT IS.
YOU'RE STILL SO CUTE.

AND YOU STILL STAYED WITH ME.
BUT NOTHING CHANGED
IF I DID THAT,
THEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL ALWAYS BE LIKE WE'RE BROTHERS, AS WE OFTEN GET TOLD.
SO I DECIDED TO REMAIN AS YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
BUT I ALMOST LAID MY HANDS ON YOU A COUPLE OF TIMES.
HAHAHA
...

TELL ME!
IDIOT!!
I TOLD YOU
I'M SORRY.
LET ME TELL YOU AT LEAST ONCE. I'VE GOT ZERO IDEA WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR HE-...
COUGH
WHOA!
ARE YOU OKAY?
COUGH
UGH!
COUGH
HEY,
CAN WE SLEEP LIKE THIS?
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE COUGH THAT I'M CRYING.
YEAH.

I HOPE THIS CONTINUES FOREVER.

last step.●END

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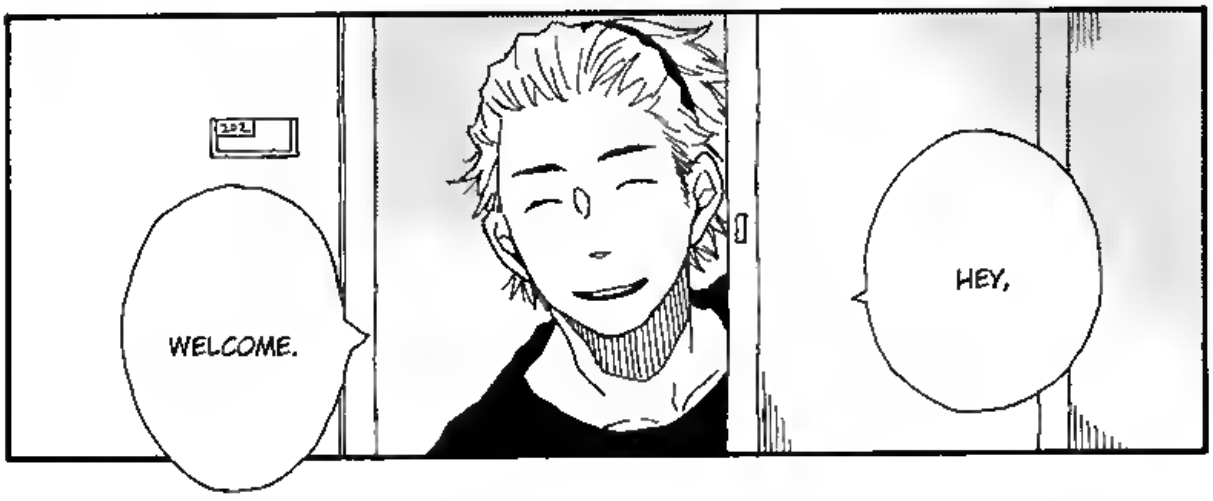
STRAIGHT FROM THE CLOSING CEREMONY

DING DONG

step up.



I keep getting them from my parents
I CAN ONLY MAKE BUCKWHEAT NOODLES.
IT'S FINE.
YOU MUST BE TIRED.
HAVE YOU HAD LUNCH?
I HAVEN'T.
I'll be intruding
Oooh!
Various things...
SWEEP
I BROUGHT SOME.
Thermal bag
THE OLD HAG...
I'M SURE IT MUST'VE BEEN HEAVY.
For the meantime, let's put the ones that need to be refrigerated inside.
THERE'S A LOT HERE.
MEAT!
IS THIS STEW?
There's edamame
Dunno

SHE MADE ME BRING THOSE.
I TOLD HER THAT I'LL BE STAYING AT YOUR PLACE.
THAT'S... THAT'S
.....
I SEE...
AND HE WON'T LOOK MY WAY.
WHENEVER THIS GUY'S NERVOUS OR DISCOMPOSED,
HE STIFFENS UP.
(Especially his face)
Although I only have pickled ginger and
Oh yeah, is there anything you want to put in the noodles?
I RECENTLY FIGURED OUT THAT
I'm thankful.

ALTHOUGH IT'S A GOOD THING WE STARTED DATING,

THE TWO OF US WERE BUSY WITH EXAMS AND WORK THAT WE COULDN'T SEE EACH OTHER OFTEN
I HAVE NO IDEA
HOW MANY PEOPLE HE'S DONE IT WITH, BUT..
AND SO, TODAY..
SHAAA
...I AM THE ONE WHO
WANTS TO BE CONNECTED WITH HIM...
BUT WITH HOW THINGS ARE, I GUESS IT'S NOT HAPPENING TODAY.
AND PROBABLY NOT FOR A WHILE.
.....BUT I DON'T REALLY CARE
SEIICHIROU, THAT LOSER.
GRIP

THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
The thing where you put the dishes
DON'T YOU HAVE A CADDY?
THEN I'LL HELP.
NO
I'll properly buy one
SHA
HAND ME THE POT OVER THERE.
I'LL DO IT.
YOU CAN JUST LEAVE IT. I'LL WASH IT LATER.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WANNA PLAY GAMES?
It's hot outside.
NICE AND CLEAN.
Yeah
THANKS.

BUT
BEFORE THAT...
What should we do?
AHH...
YEAH
CAN WE...
PULL
...MAKE OUT FOR A BIT?
YOU...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK EVERYTIME.
Idiot
Sorry..

POOF
NH

I'VE BEEN HARD FOR A WHILE NOW.
Ah...
CAN I TOUCH YOU?
I GOT HARD...
WAIT,
I...
YOU WERE ALL STIFF JUST EARLIER...
This guy ·
No
AH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK.
TAKERU,
RELAX A LITTLE.
HIS TECHNIQUE IS GOOD.
OH
AH

Y...OU
JUST WHEN DID YOU UNDRESS?
WE'RE DOING IT?
SERIOUSLY
EH
TELL ME IF IT HURTS.
OH
I FELT SOMETHING SLIMY JUST NOW.
Don't mind it.
IT'S JUST LUBE.
WHAT THE HELL?
WHOA!
WHAT

...IS IT IN?
YEAH
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH...
HAHA...
AMAZING
NH
AH
HEY!
WHY DID YOU SUD-DENLY MOVE?!
AH

EH"
WHAT
STOP
Don't call me that!
I don't play around anymore!
...I GET WHY YOU'RE SUCH A PLAYBOY.
I THINK...

step up.●END

IMAGE TRAINING